

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: A. Chakrabarti

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation Appln. of
U.S. Serial No. 09/869,927

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For: ENDOGENEOUS NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT ASSOCIATED WITH
AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, LABELING METHOD AND REAGENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks.